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Know Your Place West of England – Putting Devon on the Map

Historic maps of Devon are now freely available online as part of the *Know Your Place* website. Devon County Council generously provided funding to allow the county to be included as an extension to the original project which was supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Know Your Place West of England is a free digital mapping resource that enables people to explore the local area through old maps, archive images and linked information. The South West Heritage Trust is a key partner in this collaborative project, which is managed by Bristol City Council.

Visitors to *Know Your Place Devon* can now explore tithe maps, 1st and 2nd edition Ordnance Survey maps, insurance maps, and town plans. A modern base map allows users to peel back the layers to see how the urban and rural landscape has changed over time. In addition to historic map data, information from the Historic Environment Record for Devon can also be explored. This includes details of archaeological sites and historic buildings as well as aerial photographs. Users can also upload and share their own information, helping to build a rich and diverse community map of local heritage.

The website will continue to grow as more map resources, drawings and photographs from archive and museum collections are added. Other areas available online include Somerset, Bath & North East Somerset, North Somerset, Wiltshire, South Gloucestershire, Bristol and Gloucestershire.

Irene Andrews from the South West Heritage Trust said: “The inclusion of Devon in this project is greatly to be welcomed. People will be able to access historic maps online for the first time and to explore how their local area has changed during almost two centuries.”

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Councillor Roger Croad, Devon County Council's representative on the South West Heritage Trust's board said: "Know Your Place is a great project, it's free to use and anyone can add to the map, and we are happy to help fund it. Devon has a rich and vibrant history and now for the first-time communities can share what they know to help build up a more detailed picture of Devon's history which is accessible to everyone."

Bill Horner, County Archaeologist with Devon County Council, added: "*Know Your Place* will be a great way to find out about the rich heritage of Devon. It will also enable people to share their local knowledge by adding new sites to the record and bringing old records up to date."

To explore *Know Your Place Devon* visit www.kypwest.org.uk

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Notes to editors

1. The South West Heritage Trust

The South West Heritage Trust is an independent charity committed to protecting and celebrating Somerset and Devon's rich heritage. As well as the widely-praised Museum of Somerset and the redeveloped Somerset Rural Life Museum, in Glastonbury, the Trust manages state-of-the-art facilities in Taunton and Exeter to care for the extraordinary archive collections of the two counties. The Trust also provides essential advice about the historic environment and manages historic sites. Individuals and businesses are invited to support the charity through its Supporters' scheme. Visit swheritage.org.uk #SWHTdiscovery

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